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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Andrzej Lipkowski et al.  
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Sir:

**PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Petition is submitted in connection with the Final Office Action issued July 6, 2009 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the July 6, 2009 Final Office Action was due October 6, 2009. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond.

Applicants have previously established small entity status and such status is still applicable. The fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$555.00), and a check for this amount is enclosed. With a three-month extension of time, a response to the July 6, 2009 Final Office Action is now due January 6, 2010.

Accordingly, this Petition is being timely filed.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned

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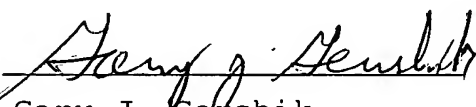
attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the enclosed \$555.00 fee for a three-month extension of time, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if an additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

  
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